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MILWAUKEE POLICE OFFER TIPS FOR AN ENJOYABLE OPENING DAY

The Milwaukee Police Department prides itself in helping the Milwaukee Brewers make Miller Park a safe and family-friendly place to watch a ballgame. MPD is offering the following reminders to make your trip to the ballpark more enjoyable.

- **DESIGNATE A DRIVER** – You may not plan on having too much to drink, but drinking for several hours before, during, and after the game will cause impairment. Have a designated driver, take a cab, or take a bus. You don't have to leave the ballpark the same way you came. If you drive to the game and unexpectedly have too much to drink do not feel compelled to drive home. Leave your car in the lot and call a friend to drive you home.
- **BE PATIENT** – There will be additional traffic on the freeway and on city streets on opening day, especially before the game. Plan ahead and allow extra time. Pay attention to the officers who are directing traffic. They are working hard to get you to and from the park in the most safe and efficient manner.
- **RESPECT THE NEIGHBORS** – There are several residential areas near Miller Park. Street parking in these neighborhoods is restricted on game days, so pay attention to the signs.
- **LOCK VALUABLES IN THE TRUNK** – Thieves "window shop" by waking by parked cars looking for valuables to steal. Leave them at home, conceal them in the car, or take them with, but don't leave anything of valuable visible. Also, take GPS and phone mounts off of the windshield so they don't attract attention to your car.
- **ONLY BUY TICKETS FROM A REPUTABLE SOURCE** – Dishonest resellers prey on fans by selling used or stolen tickets. By the time you find out the ticket isn't any good the thief is long gone with your cash. Don't be tricked. Only buy a ticket from the ticket office or a reseller you can go back to if there is a problem.
- **CALL SECURITY OR POLICE TO REPORT TROUBLE** – If you see someone creating a disturbance in the lot or at the game, call for security or police officers to handle it. Avoid becoming part of the problem.

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